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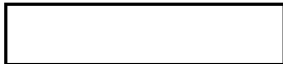
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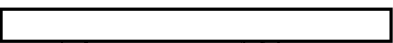
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TO:



SUBJECT: CIA History Program

1. In anticipation of our discussion, which will be at your convenience, I trust the following may be helpful:

a. With the departure  the DD/M&S needs to appoint a history officer. It is not much of a job. What I need is someone to act as a referent on the directorate's involvement in the Agency history program. This would include: orderly termination of the DD/M&S component history program; monitoring responses to my memo on a possible intelligence museum collection; coordinating participation in the directorate's contribution to the histories of major Agency activities; cooperating with the history staff in the identification and retention of historical documents; looking ahead to future histories as new activities emerge. (Based on Larry's editorial proclivities, he is well-qualified.)

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b. Here is a status report on the remaining portion of the DD/M&S component histories:

i. Office of Medical Services, Clinical Program (Project 5.037) is in our hands, thank you. Larry and I agreed that I'll deal with his comments, not Tietjen.

ii. OMS, Psychiatric Staff (Project 5.038) is being revised by OMS and was expected to be submitted to the history staff by 1 February 1974. We haven't seen it yet.

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iii. Office of Personnel, Honor and Merit Awards (Project 5.061) has gone to OP for signature.

iv. OP, Missing in Action, is in final processing by the history staff and will soon be submitted to OP for signature.

v. Office of Finance, An Overview (Project 5.075) was supposed to be returned to the history staff in a revised version by 30 June 1973. (Since we have not received it, I suspect work has been suspended. Personally, I doubt it should be resumed; but, it would be tidy to clear the record.)

vi. Air America, 1946-1972 (Project 3.088) is being written [redacted] under Charlie Kane's direct supervision. (Let's leave it that way, if you agree.)

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c. In my last management conference, we discussed the feasibility of an overview of the support activities as a history of a major activity. The general idea would be to review the existing histories and to synthesize them into a new history which would give proper recognition to the various components, such as communications, logistics, finance, personnel, and medical services. It may be best to focus on geographical areas as Brownman suggested. We also need to match names against topics.

d. I'm willing to discuss space, but only if you so choose.

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Chief, CIA History Staff

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**Proposed Agenda**

**Management Conference - CIA History Staff**

**1:30 p.m., 10 April 1974**

**Status reports on approved objectives.**

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Objective #1

Terminate [ ] program)  
as of 30 June 1974 and the rest of the component history  
program by 1 April 1974.

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Status: [ ] is down to two people. One will retire as  
of 30 June 1974; the other will be re-assigned by DDO.

There are still 20 histories underway by DDO  
components. Ten of these are in the hands of the history  
staff. They will be reviewed; probably none will be  
accepted as an adequate history.

There are six DDO histories awaiting the signature  
of the component chief.

There is one history being typed by the history  
staff.

There are six histories in various stages of  
production. When they are submitted to the history staff,  
they will be reviewed, accepted, or rejected. One is a  
special case which will be processed without editing.

The DDO history officer understands that all  
present and future work on component histories is on the  
initiative of the DDO. After 30 June 1974, the history  
staff will accept component submissions only to sit in  
judgment on them. They will be "published" only if they  
make a substantive contribution to the history program's  
list of approved topics.

There are still six histories in various stages of  
production in the DD/M&S.

One is awaiting the signature of the component  
chief.

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Objective #1 (continued)

Two are in final processing by the history staff.

Three have not been submitted yet, including the history of Air America. (Charlie Kane has reported on this separately.)

There are nine histories still pending in the DD/I.

One is in final processing by the history staff.

Of the remaining eight, seven are expected to be submitted to the history staff by 30 June 1974. The other will be a monograph for internal use which will be submitted to the history staff to accept or reject.

The DD/S&T program is complete.

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Objective #3

Complete list of active and retired officials to be interviewed in oral history program and begin interviewing by 1 April 1974.

Status: A list is ready. One official is being interviewed. Letters are ready to go to the others. This project will involve some travel.

*More details!  
Walt to do the interviews!*

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Objective #4

To integrate history staff holdings with Agency archives system by 30 June 1974.

Status: No progress whatsoever, nor can there be any until we have space.

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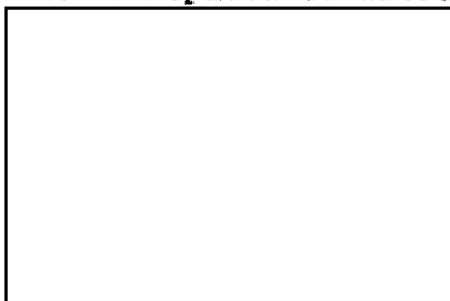
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Objective #5

Fix terms of reference for intelligence museum collection by 15 April 1974.

Status: Responses from directorates still pending. Only DD/I and DD/M&S have replied to date.



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Objective #6

Complete work on photographic portrait collection of senior officials and honors winner with terms of reference for a continuing program by 1 April 1974.

Status: We have acquired three safes of prints and negatives from Thuermer's office. We are sorting them to see what we have. In the meantime, we have a list of officials ready, and they will be scheduled for sittings soon.

*Off the Director's  
Deputy Director*

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26 March 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, CIA History Staff

SUBJECT : Identification of Items Suitable for  
an Intelligence Museum

REFERENCE : Your memorandum of 24 January 1974,  
same subject

The following is a report of the results of my inquiries to the DDM&S Offices as to the identification of items suitable for an intelligence museum, or existing collections.

1. OJCS, Office of Personnel and the Office of Finance reported they had nothing of interest.

2. Memoranda from OMS and the Office of Logistics are attached, listing items of possible interest.

3. The Office of Communications requested more time to report its holdings. That Office's response will be forwarded to you when received.

4. The Office of Security reported that the Technical Division of OS  has various transmitter finds and examples of search and polygraph equipment at various stages of development, should there be interest in items such as these.



photographs, but should it be warranted, we could ask for photos. OTR also has some old photographs thought to be of possible historical interest. OTR would have had to recall boxes from Records Center

and sort through them for specific identification. I did not ask them to do so. OTR's contact point is [ ] the Records Management Officer, [ ]

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DDM&S History Officer

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Attachments

- 19 March 1974 memorandum from OMS
- 20 March 1974 memorandum from OL

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20 MAR 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: DD/M&S History Officer

SUBJECT : Identification of Items Suitable for an  
Intelligence Museum

REFERENCE : Memo dtd 8 Mar 74 to EO/OL fr DD/M&S History  
Officer, same subject

Confirming the telephone response provided to you on  
19 March 1974, attached is a general description of several  
items considered to be of potential interest for an intelligence  
museum. The Office of Logistics point of contact for further  
follow up on this matter is [redacted] Plans and Pro-  
grams Staff, [redacted] Ames Building, [redacted]

[redacted]  
Executive Officer, OL

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General Description and Office of Logistics Location -  
Items of Potential Interest for An Intelligence Museum

1. Two inscribed trowels used by President Eisenhower and DCI Dulles at cornerstone laying ceremony at Langley, Virginia, 3 November 1959.

Location: Director of Logistics Office.

2. One framed photograph of cornerstone ceremony - received from Col. White.

Location: Director of Logistics Office.

3. One model of CIA Headquarters Building in transparent protective case.

Location: Logistics Services Division.

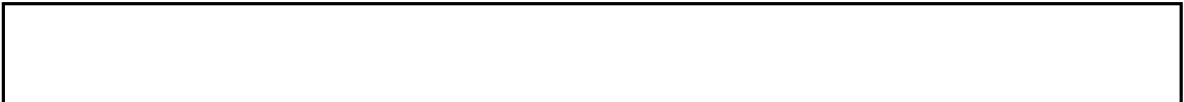
4. Series of photographs taken during various stages of construction - CIA Headquarters Building.

Location: Logistics Services Division.

5. Series of photographs - construction of Printing Services Building at Headquarters.

Location: Printing Services Division.

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Location: Plans and Programs Staff.

7. Photographs of stone jar presented to DCI Helms by Gen. Vang Pao. Jar subsequently donated to Smithsonian by Helms.

Location: Plans and Programs Staff.

8. Operational and paramilitary support items as follows:

- a. Special design parachutes and other aerial cargo delivery devices.
- b. Special weapons.
- c. Document destroyer.
- d. Examples of safe filing equipment, from early bar lock to present types.

Location: Supply Division.